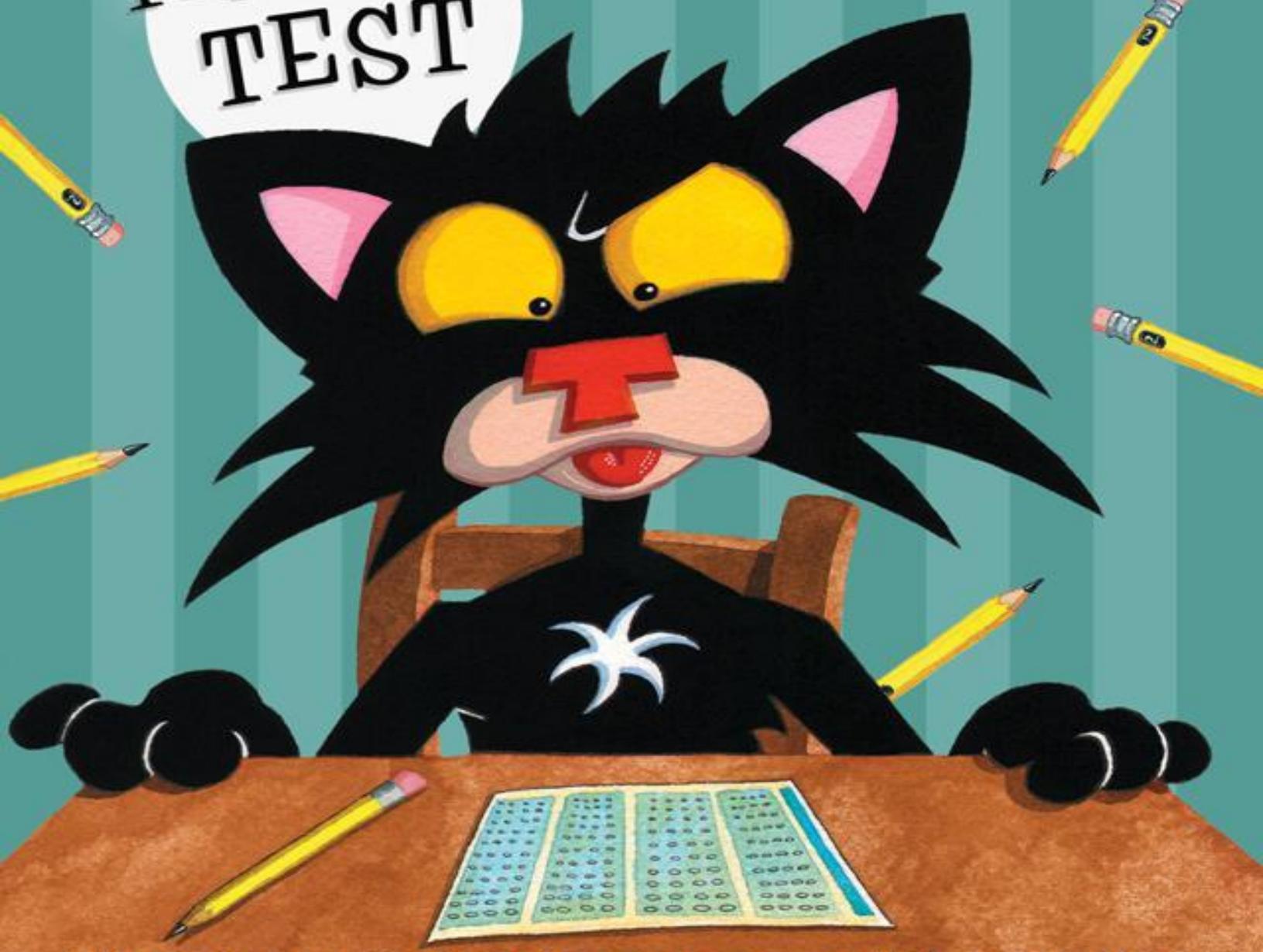


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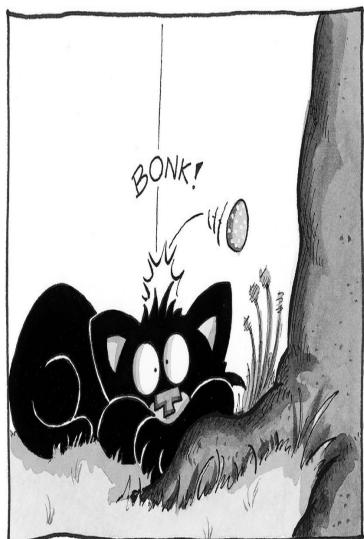
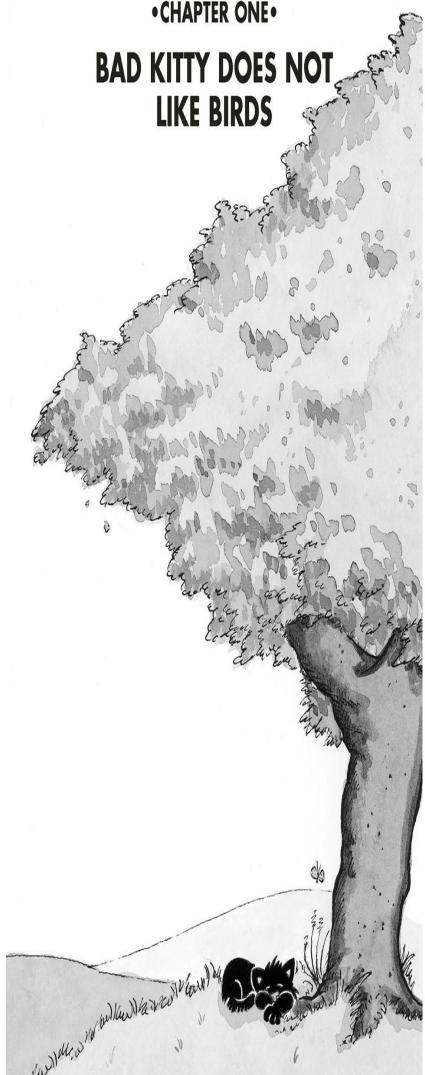
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•CHAPTER ONE•

## BAD KITTY DOES NOT LIKE BIRDS





Kitty loves birds.

She loves how they flit.  
She loves how they flap.  
She loves how they flutter.





But Kitty sees them!

Kitty is very good at seeking.  
And she's very good at climbing.



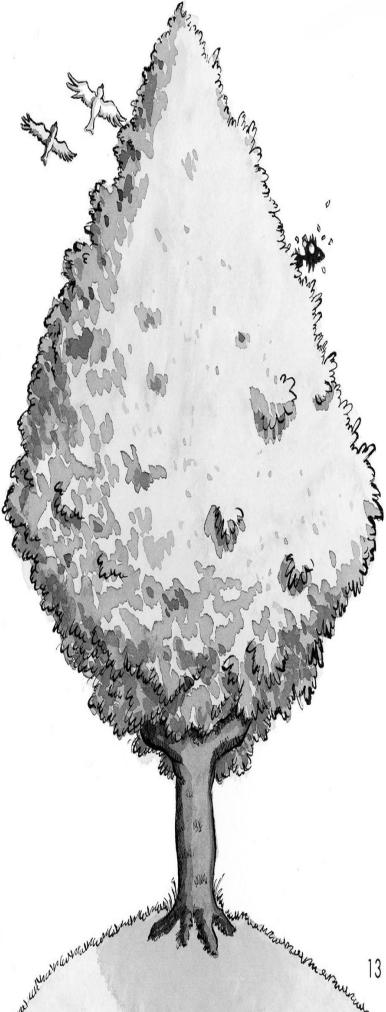
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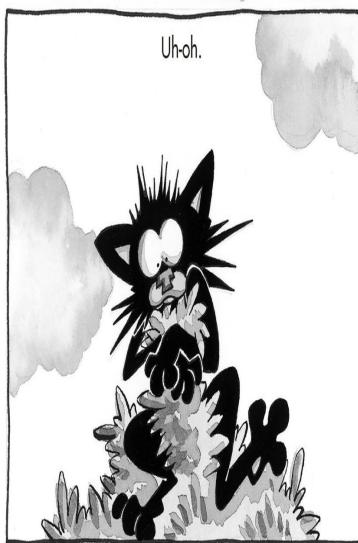
The birds keep hiding  
higher and higher.

Kitty keeps climbing  
higher and higher.



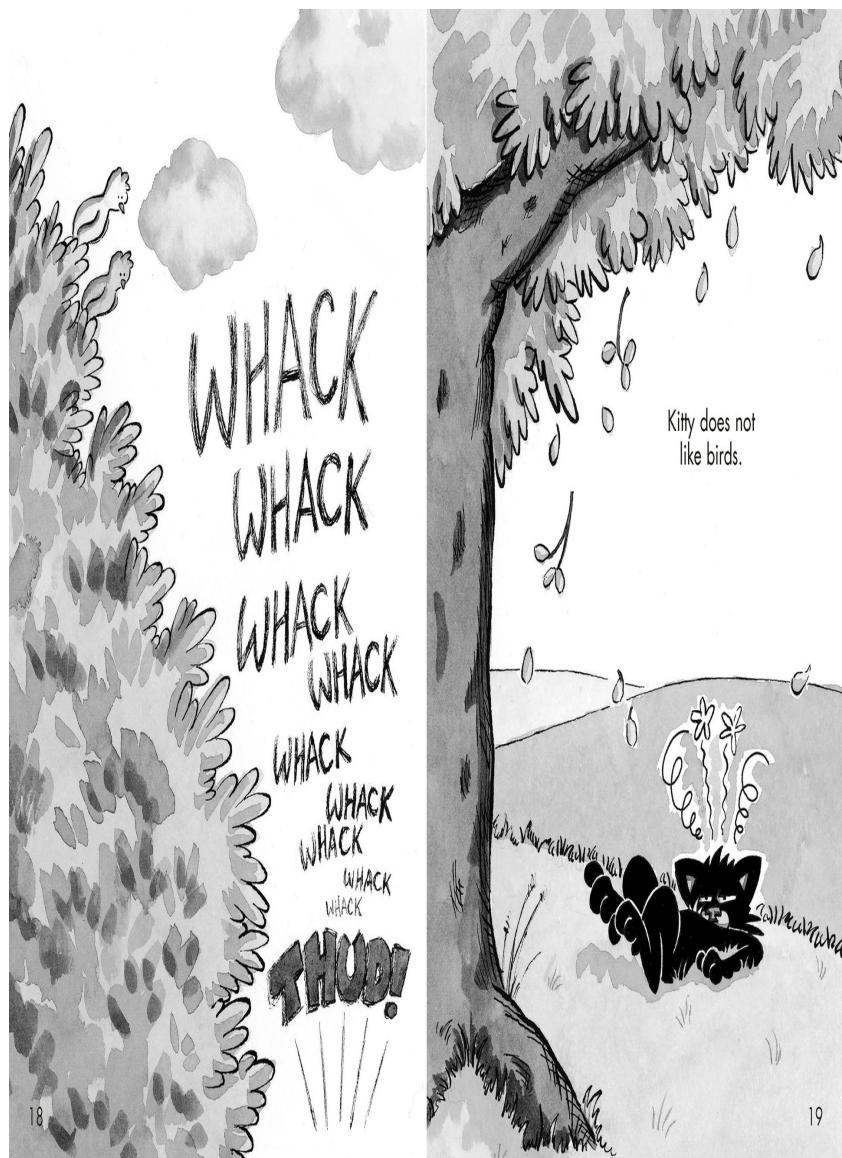
Soon, the birds are at the top of the tree. There is no tree left.

Now Kitty wants to play another game with her new friends: TAG!



Oh, good! The birds have come back to play with  
Kitty and help her down from the tree.





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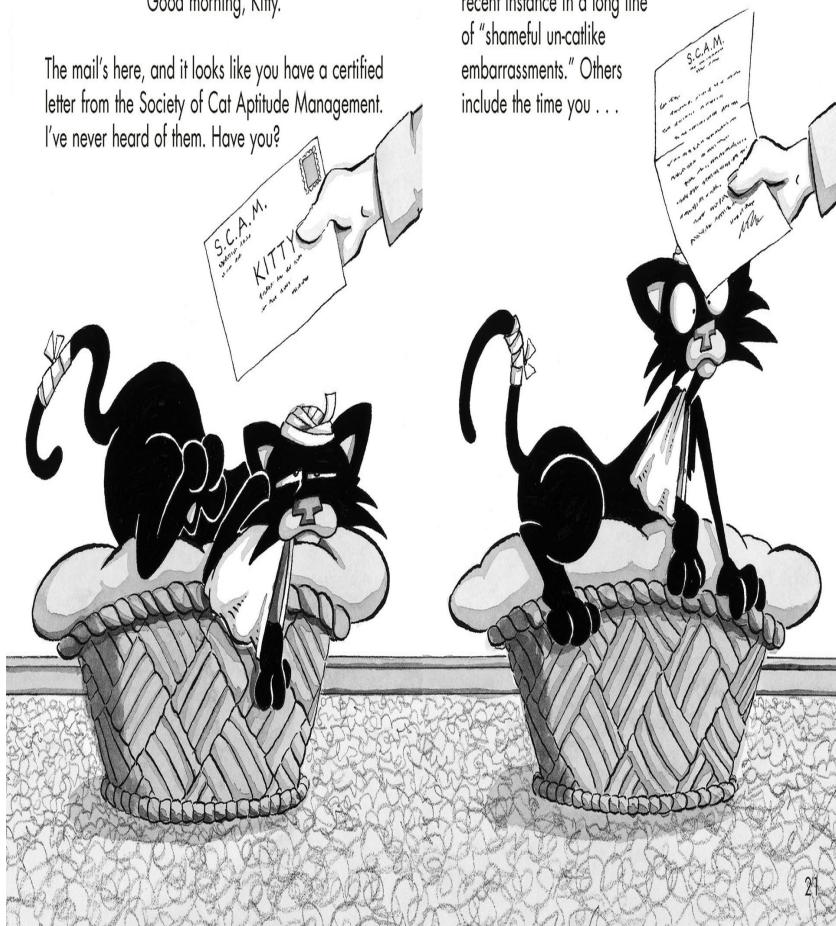
## THE NEXT DAY

Good morning, Kitty.

The mail's here, and it looks like you have a certified letter from the Society of Cat Aptitude Management. I've never heard of them. Have you?

Uh-oh. This doesn't look good.

It looks like they know about your run-in with those birds yesterday. Apparently it's considered the most recent instance in a long line of "shameful un-catlike embarrassments." Others include the time you . . .





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So apparently because of this recent string of embarrassing behavior, your cat license has been REVOKED.

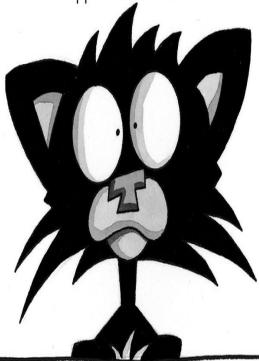
I didn't even know there was such a thing.



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The letter goes on.

In order to renew your cat license, you have to take a special course on being a cat, followed by a TEST. This all happens tomorrow!



A test? Well, Kitty, a test is a process you go through to make sure you understand everything you've learned.



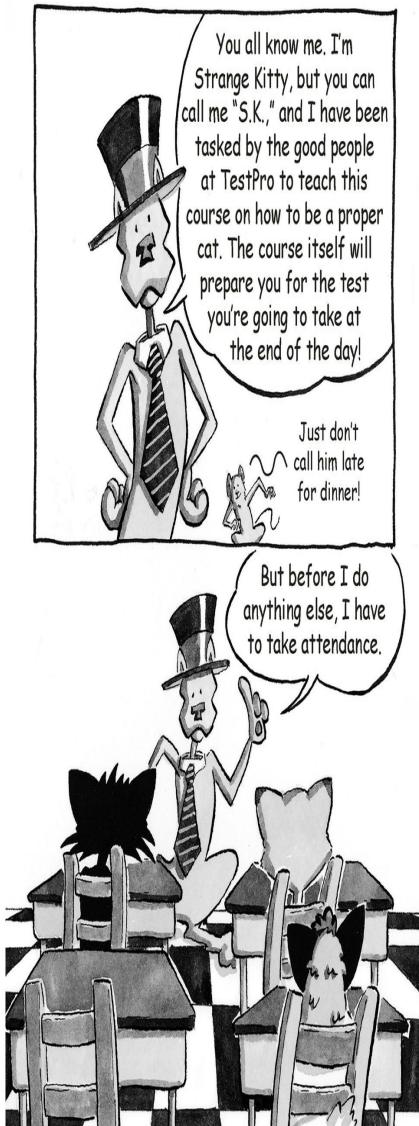


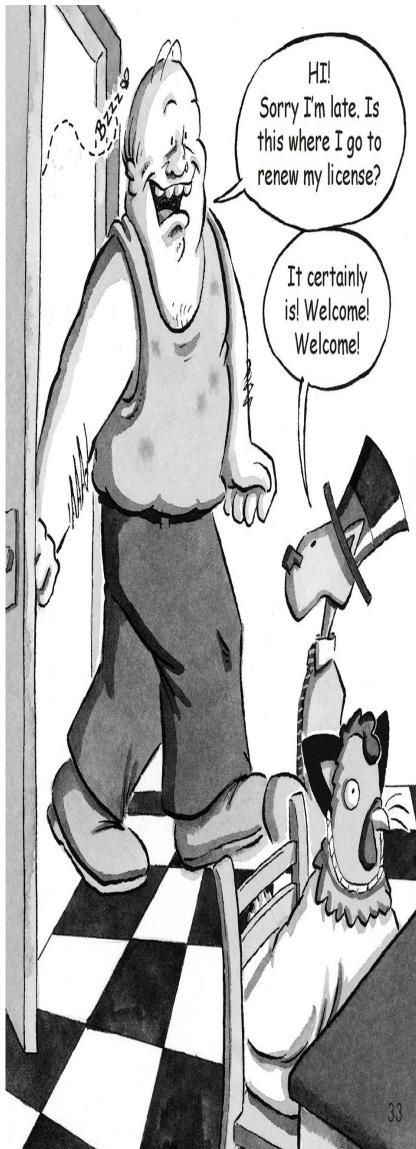
Kitty, I don't make the rules. All I know is that you need to take this test tomorrow whether you like it or not. I have the address. I'll bring you there in the morning.

And will you please stop writing on the walls?! I've had to call the painters 14 times this month.

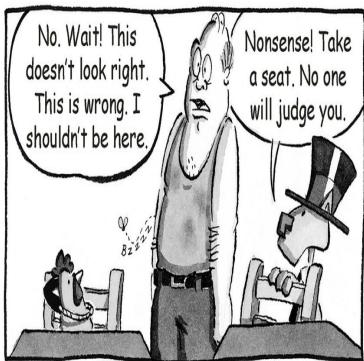


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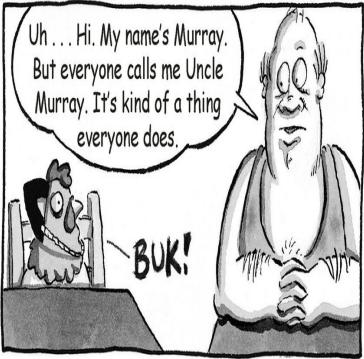




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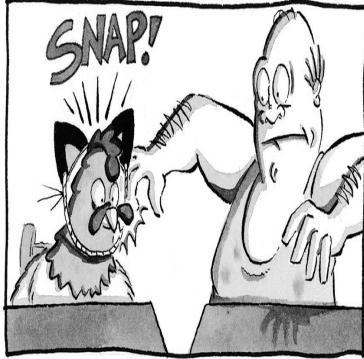


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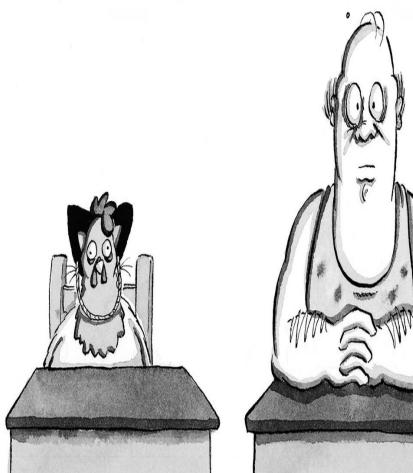


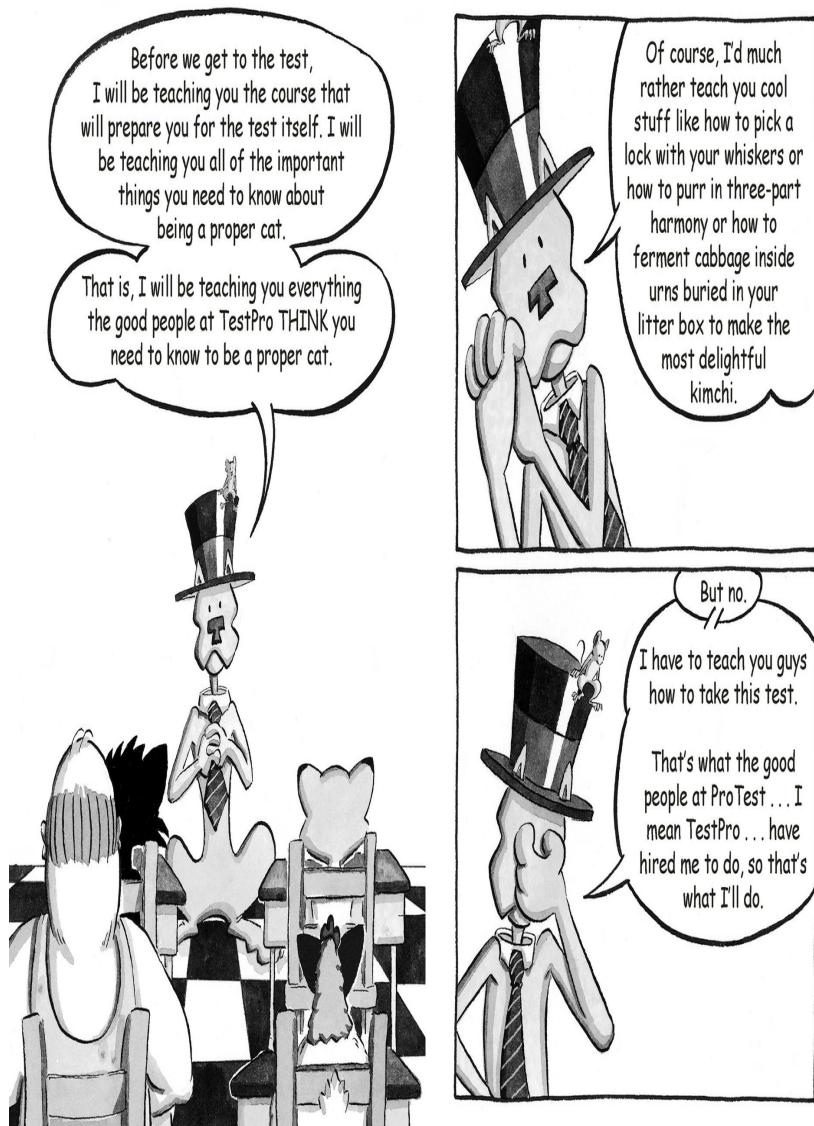
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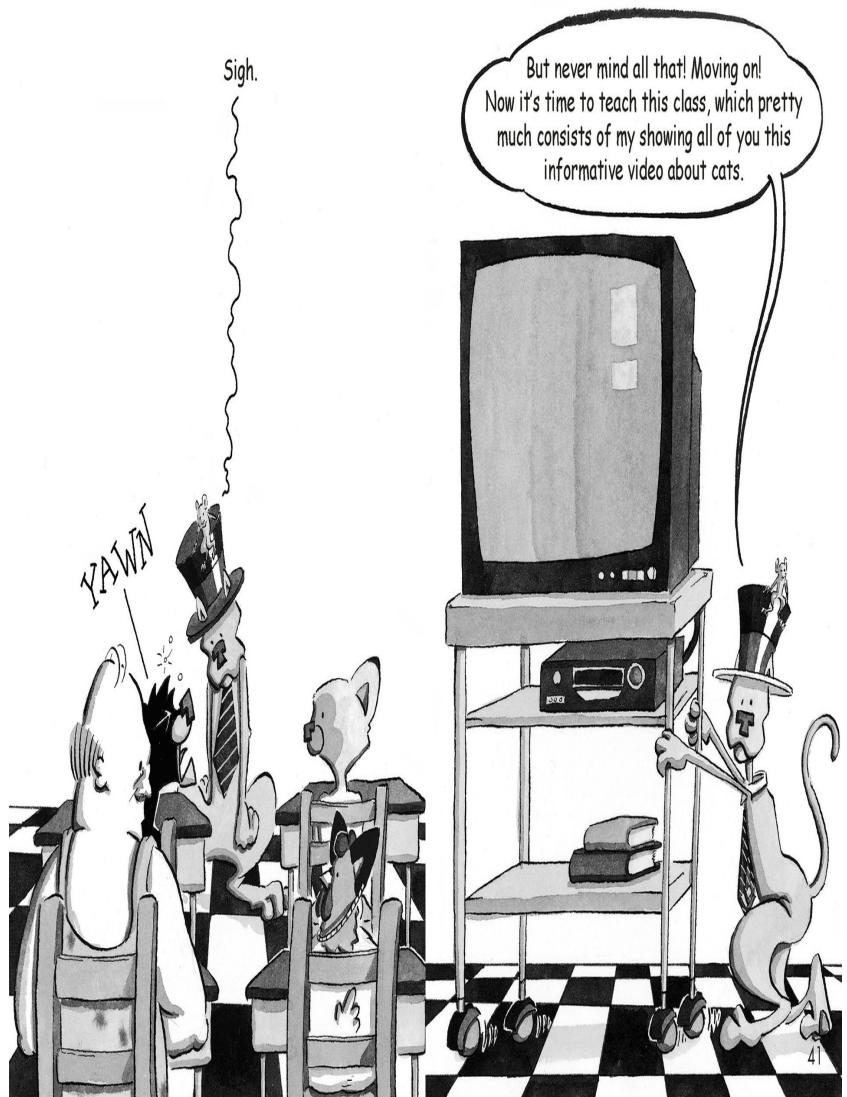


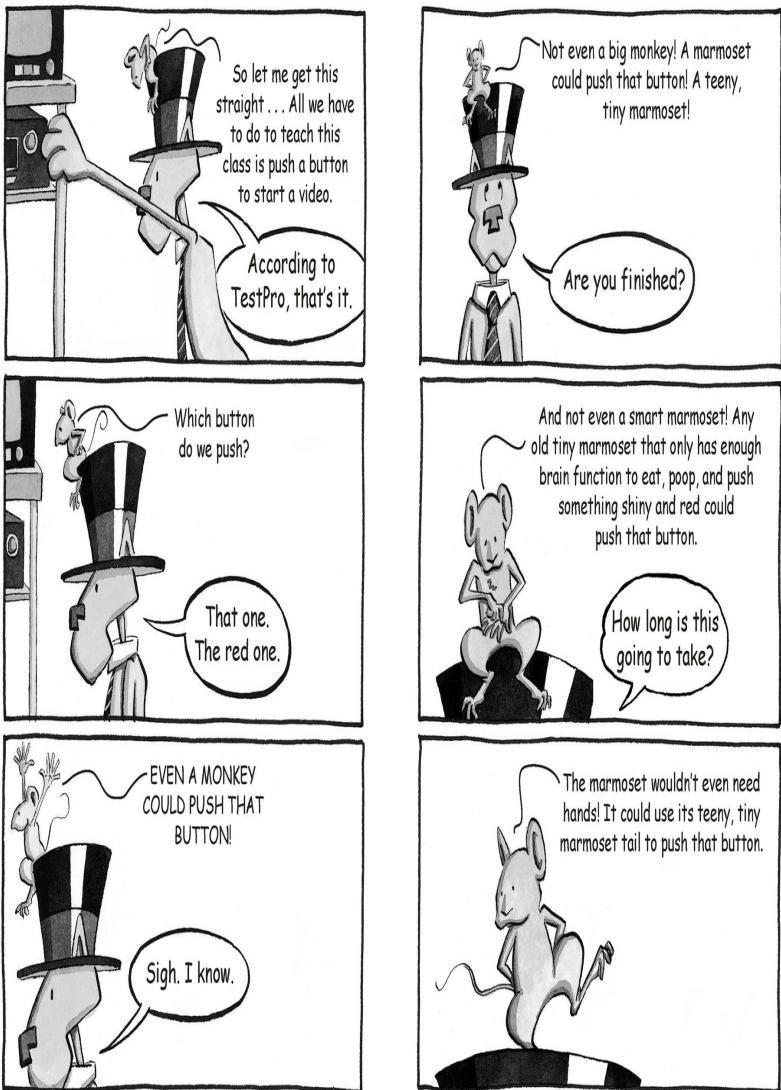


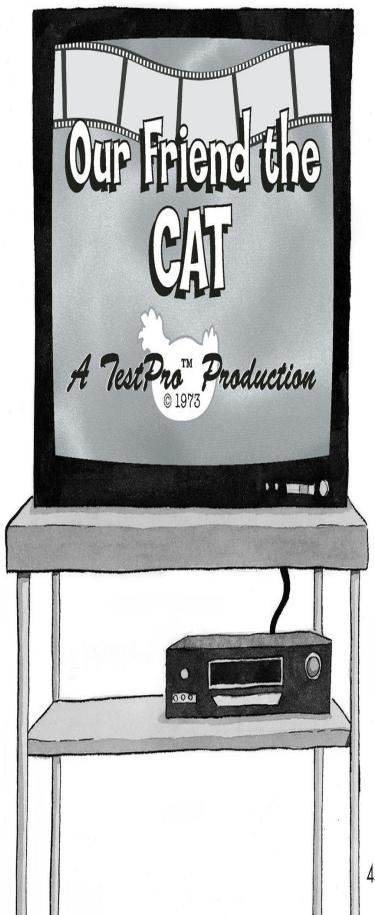
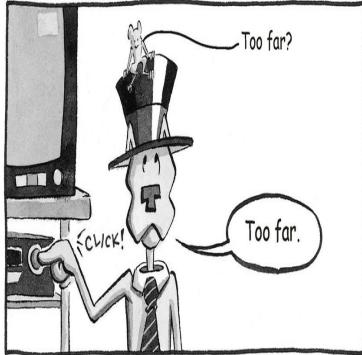
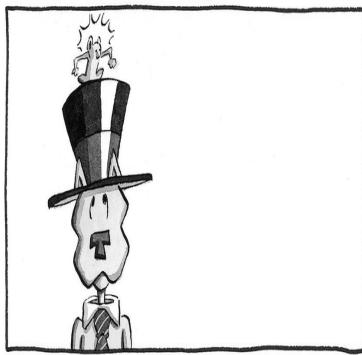
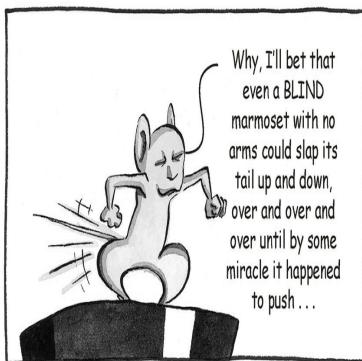
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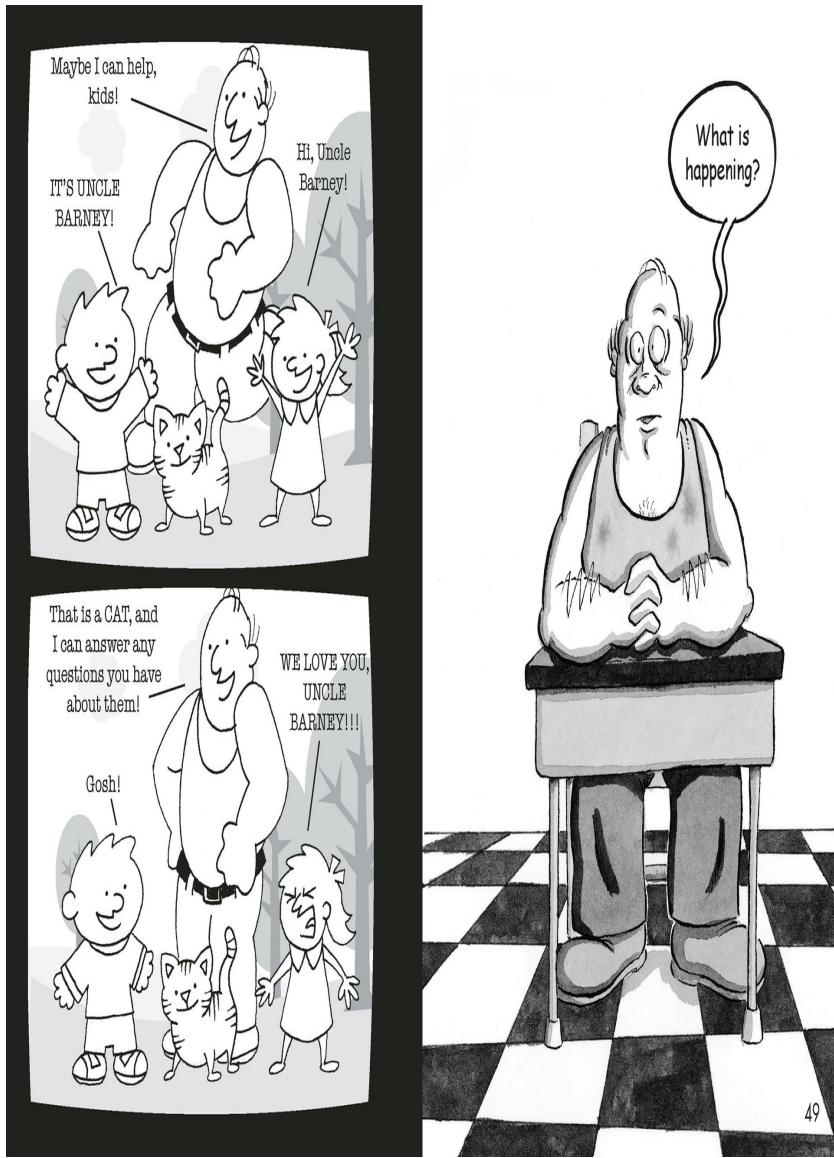




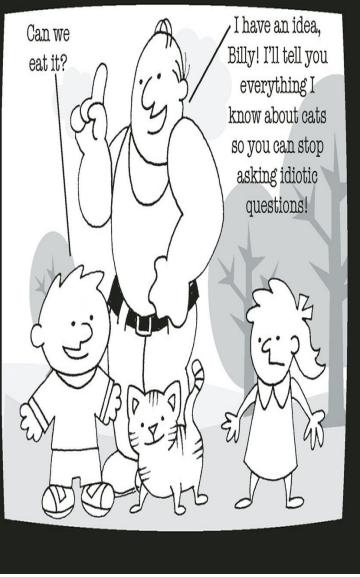
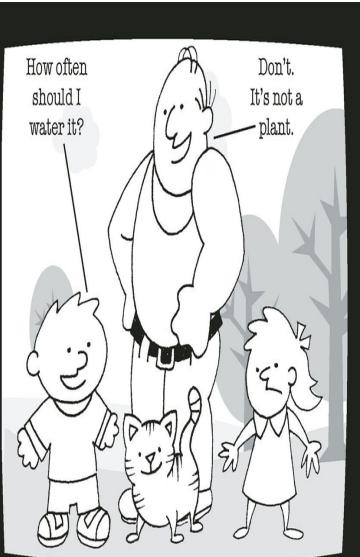
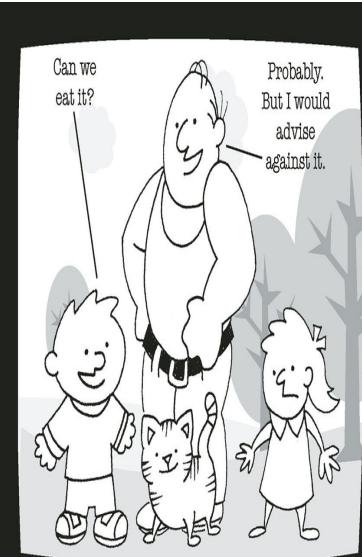


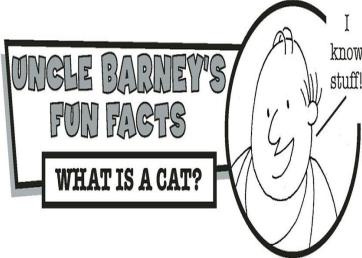
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- A cat is an animal.
- A giant squid is also an animal. It has tentacles.
- Cats do not have tentacles, therefore they are rarely mistaken for giant squids.
- Other animals that are not cats are squirrels, giraffes, lobsters, and porcupines.
- Cats typically have four legs. If a cat has less than four legs or more than four legs, then something is wrong and medical attention may be required.
- In 1963, the French sent the first cat into space, a black-and-white Parisian street cat named Félicette who traveled 100 miles above the Earth in a capsule before descending safely back to the ground by parachute.
- "Cat" in Vietnamese is *con mèo*.
- The World Health Organization estimates that approximately 400,000 people are bitten by cats in the United States every year. No one has died from their injuries.
- "Cat" in Swahili is *paka*.

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- Legend has it that Sir Isaac Newton, the scientist and mathematician who discovered gravitational mechanics and created calculus, also invented the cat flap on doors because he was tired of constantly getting up from his experiments to let his cat, Spithead, in and out of his study.



- That's right . . . Sir Isaac Newton named his cat Spithead.

- "Cat" in Icelandic is *köttur*.

- "Cat" spelled backward is "taç," which are the first three letters in the word "taco," which is a delicious food that cats will sometimes eat when dropped on the floor.

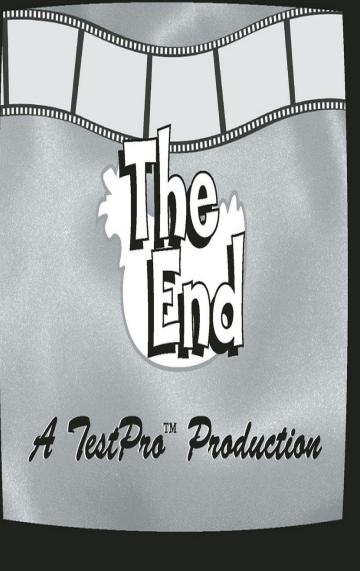
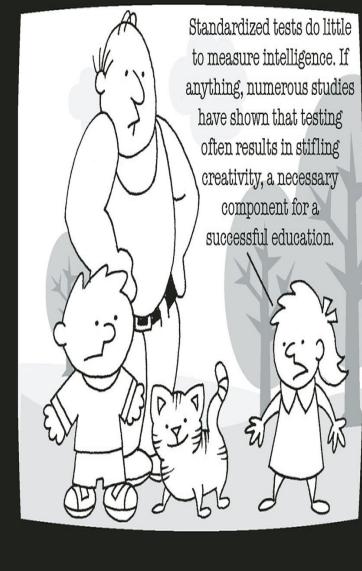
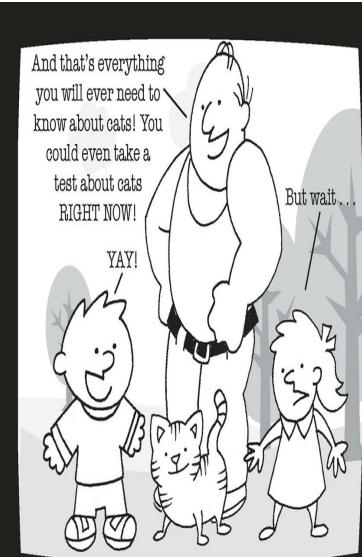
- In the early 1960s, the CIA launched Operation Acoustic Kitty, an actual plan to use cats as spies. Cats would be trained to eavesdrop on Russian conversations.

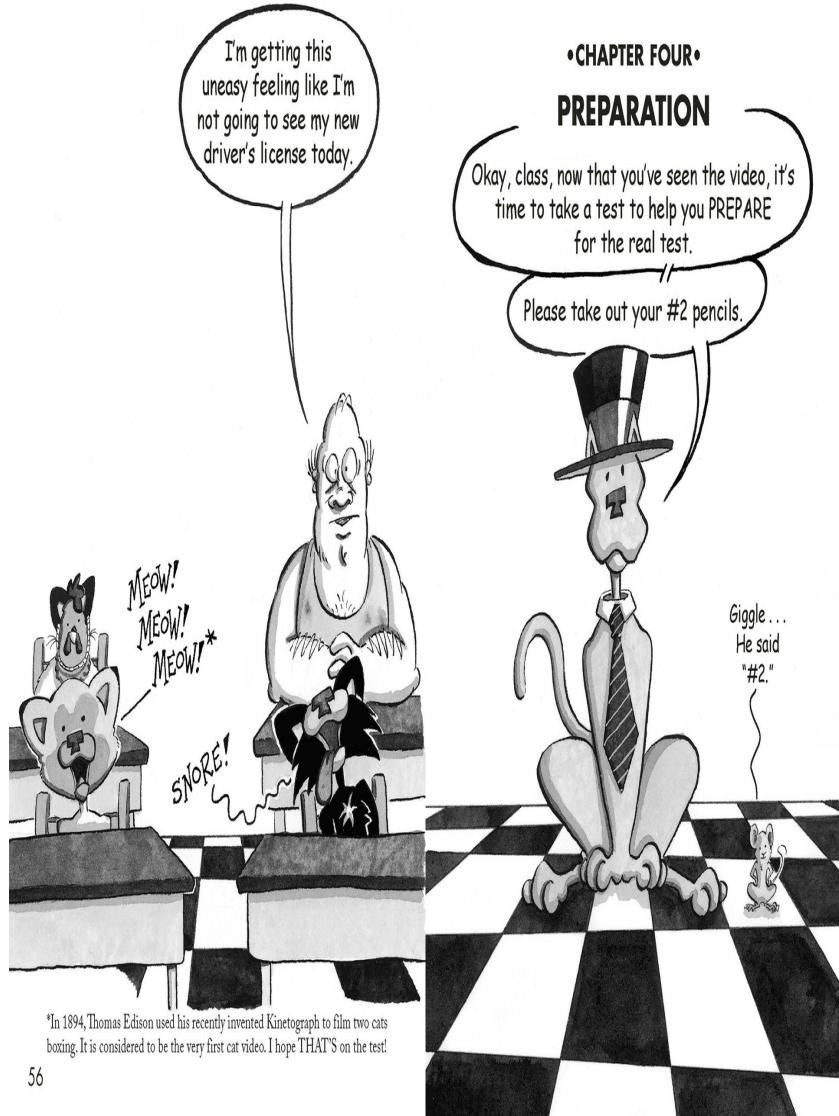
They would be released nearby with microphones implanted in their ears, transmitters attached to their collars, and antennae tied to their tails. The first cat agent was deployed and then run over by a taxi moments later. Twenty million dollars was spent on the program that was terminated shortly thereafter.



- Spithead.

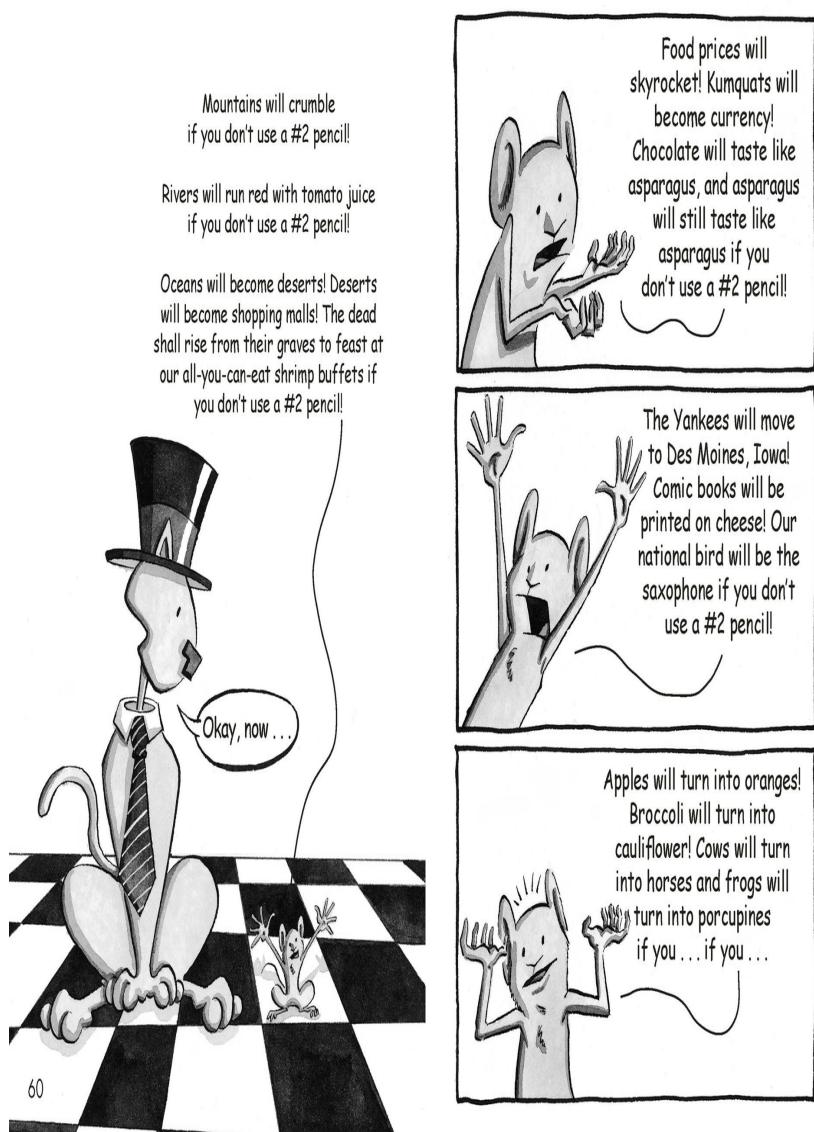
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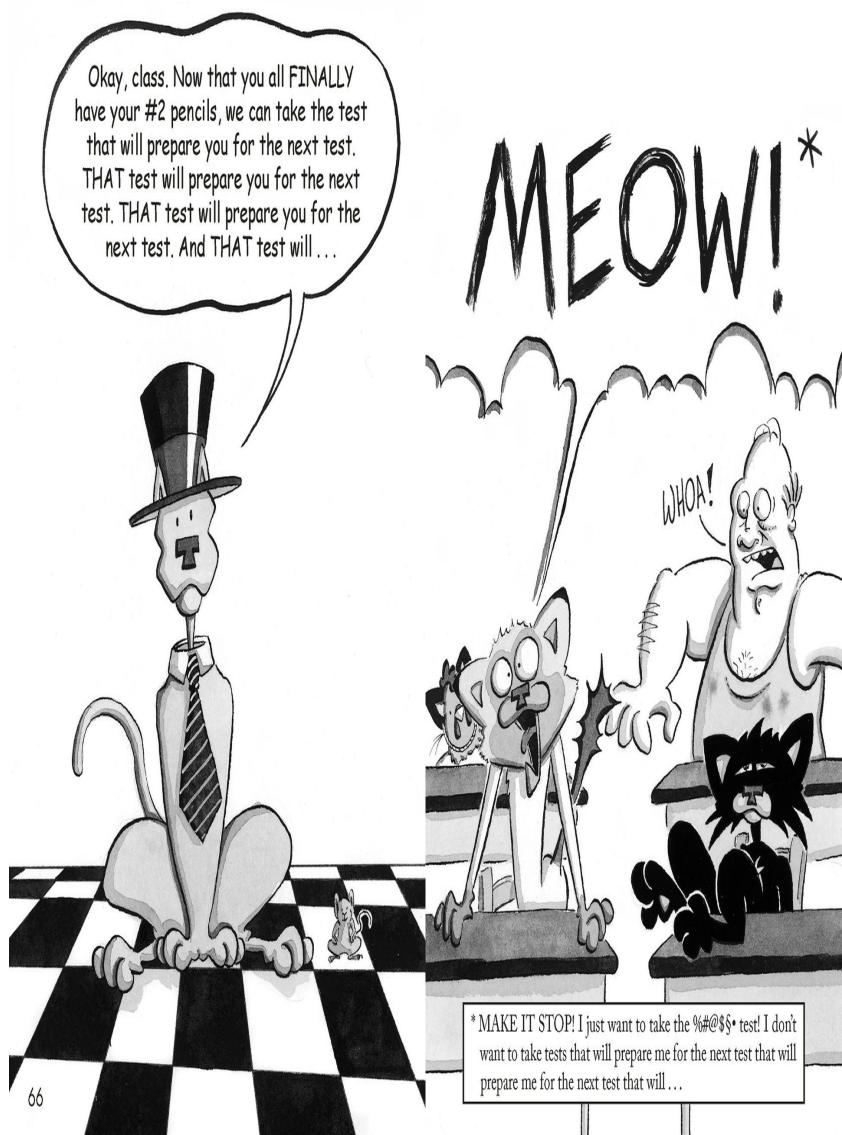
\*In 1894, Thomas Edison used his recently invented Kinetograph to film two cats boxing. It is considered to be the very first cat video. I hope THAT'S on the test!



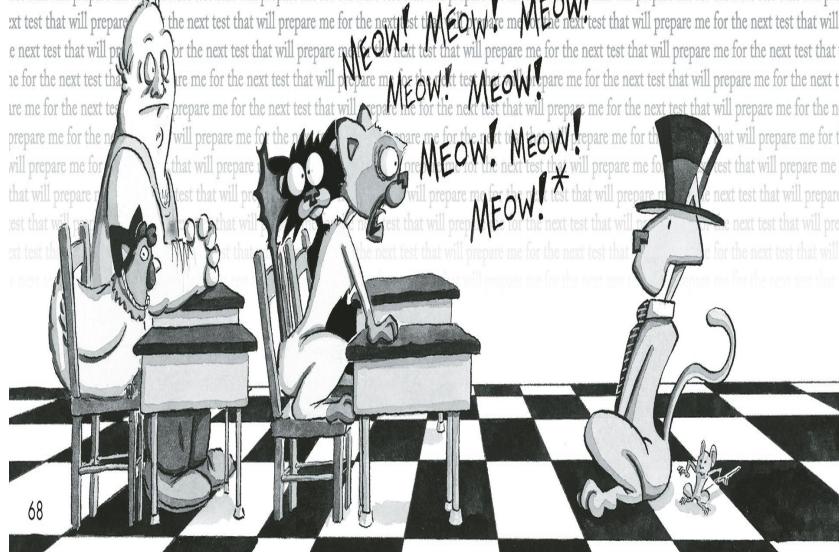








A cartoon illustration featuring three anthropomorphic animals. On the left, a white horse with a sad expression looks down. In the center, a black cat with a determined look has its mouth wide open, shouting "MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!" in large, bold, speech bubble letters. To the right, a dog wearing a top hat and a bow tie also has its mouth wide open, shouting "MEOW! MEOW! MEOW!" in large, bold, speech bubble letters. The dog's tail is a speech bubble containing the word "MEOW!\*".





\* How many tests is it really?



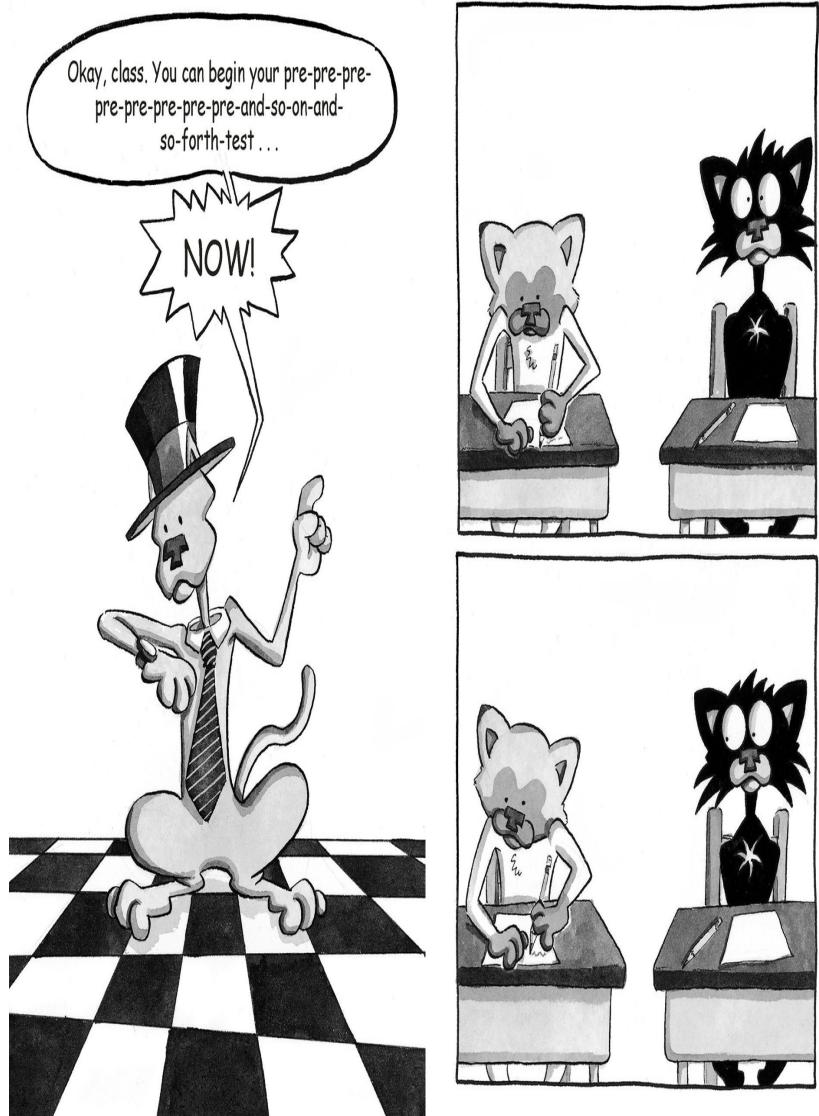
\* Groan

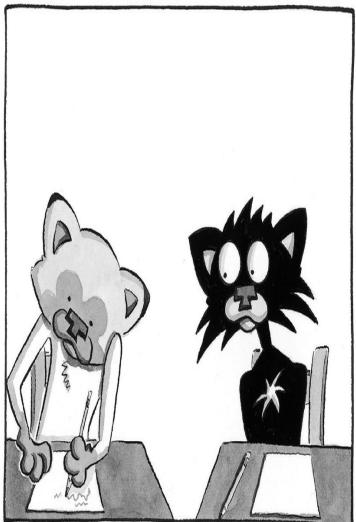
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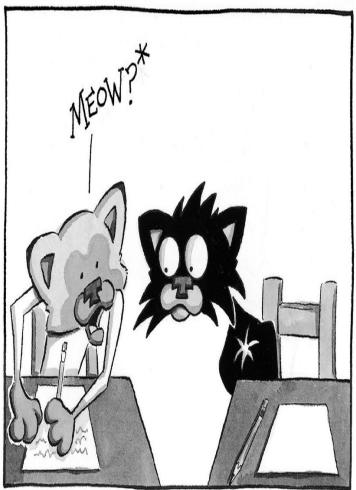
\*That sounds simultaneously disgusting and exquisite.

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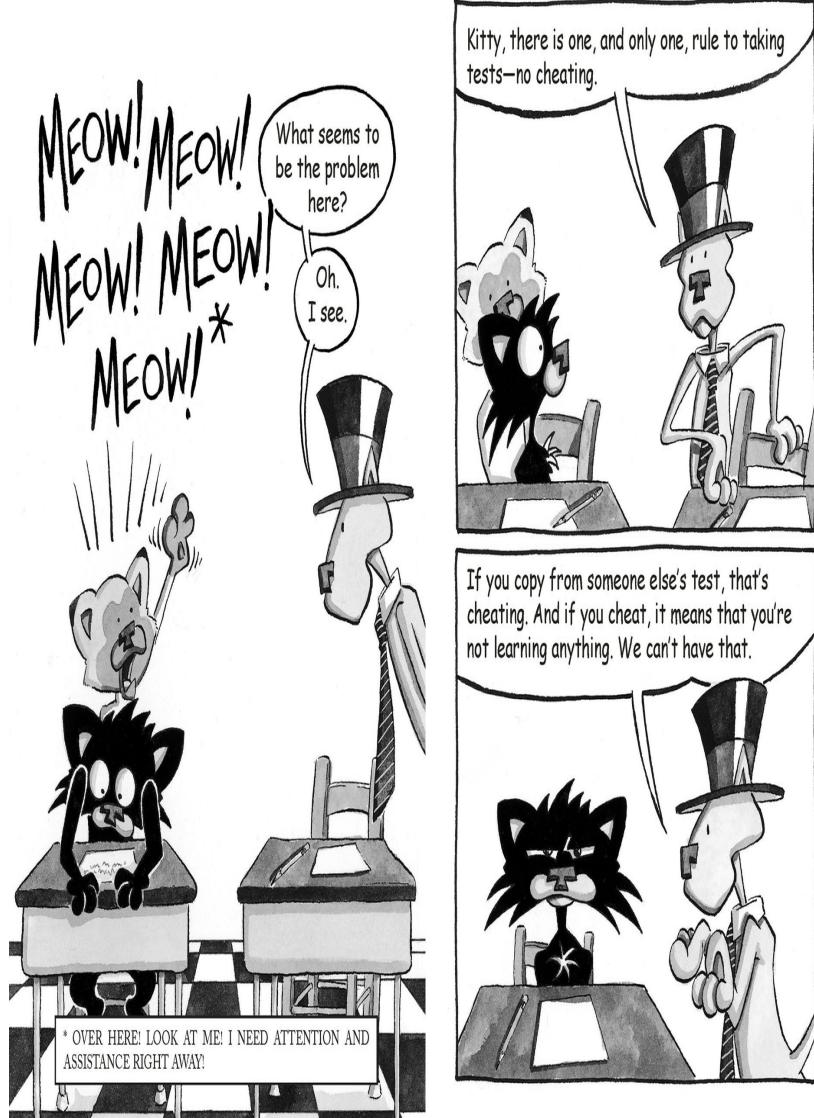
\*Are you looking for something? Did you lose your pencil? Do you need more paper?

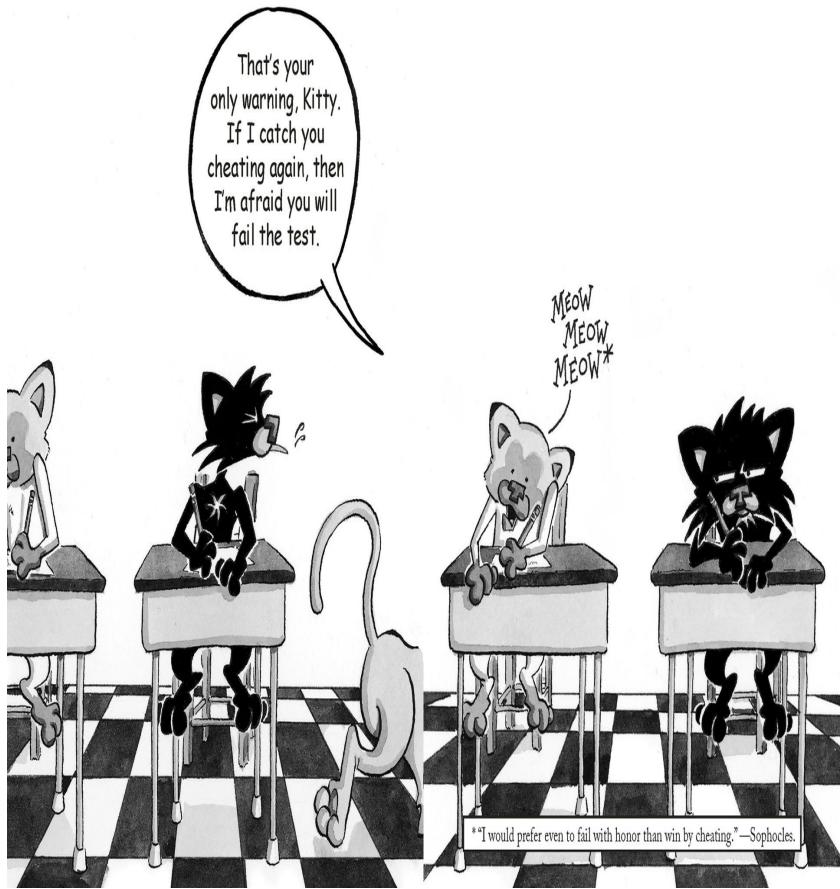


\*Ahem! Can I help you?



\* Are you aware that psychologists recommend clear personal boundaries be set between two individuals in order to ensure an environment wherein their relationship can remain mutually respectful and supportive? And I can smell what you had for lunch.

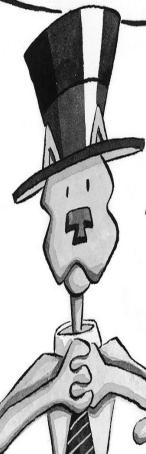




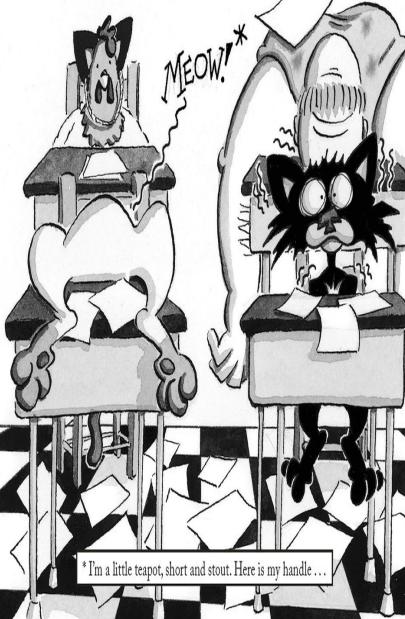
•CHAPTER FIVE•

14 HOURS LATER

There, now. That wasn't so bad, was it? I think we're finally ready to take the actual test, the one that really counts.



It's the moment  
we've all been  
waiting for!



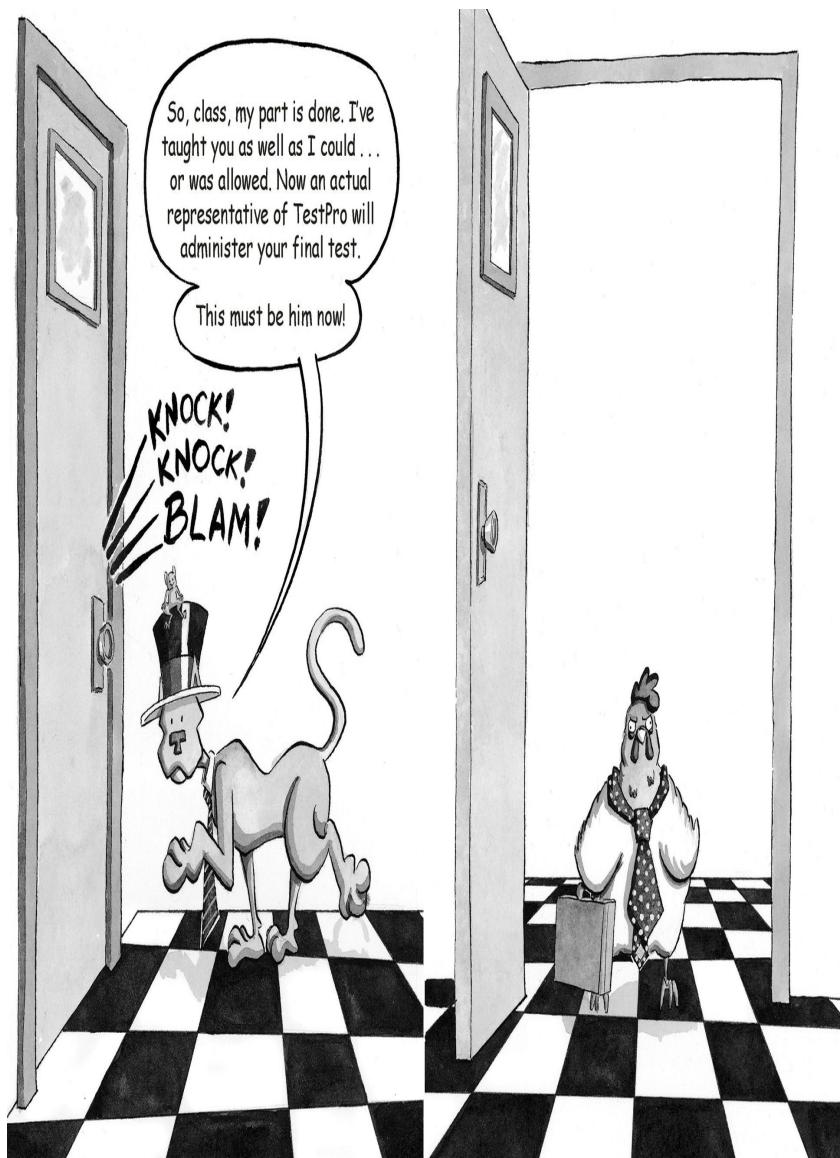
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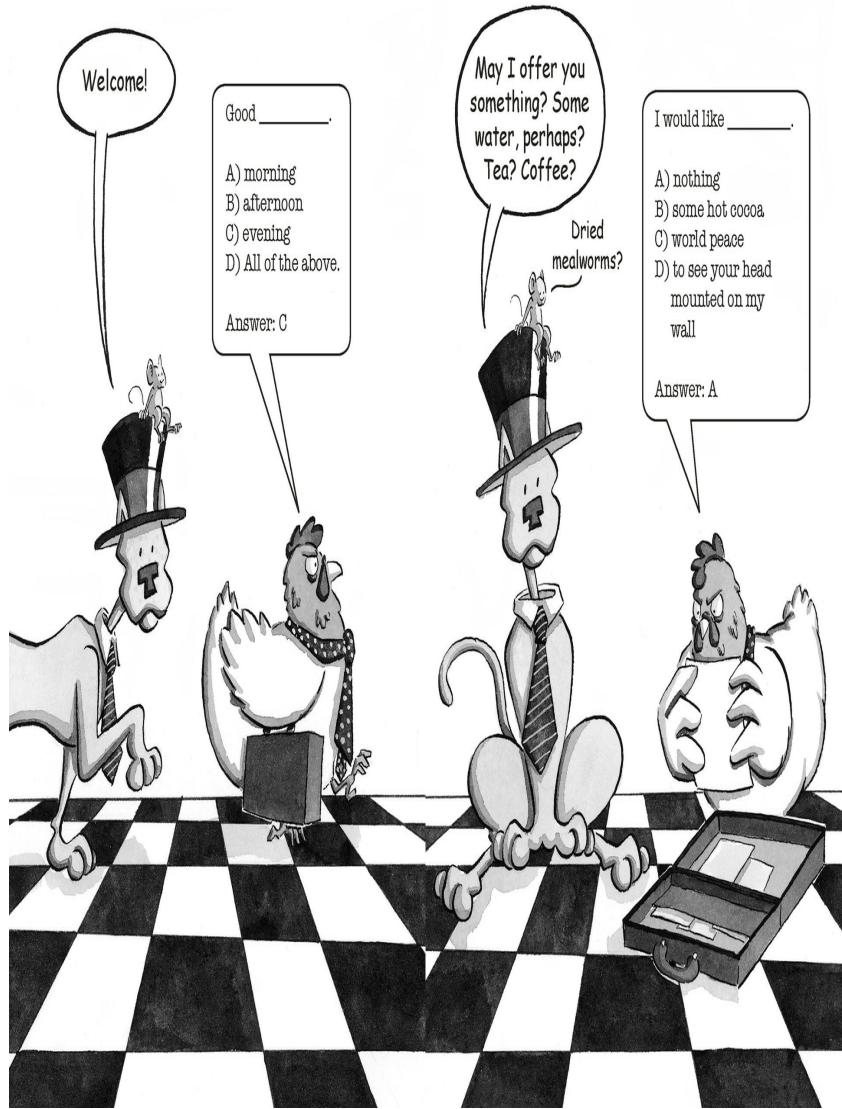
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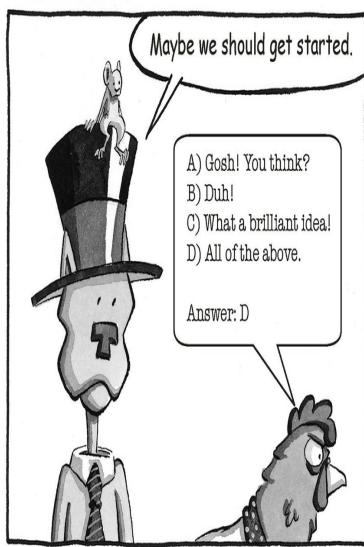
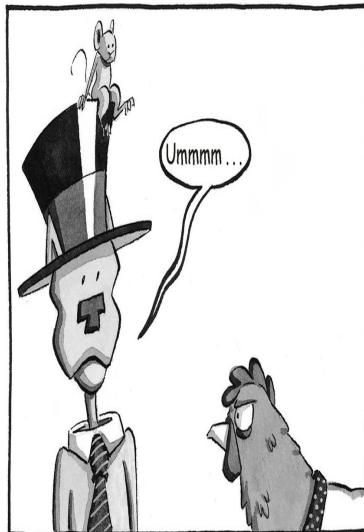
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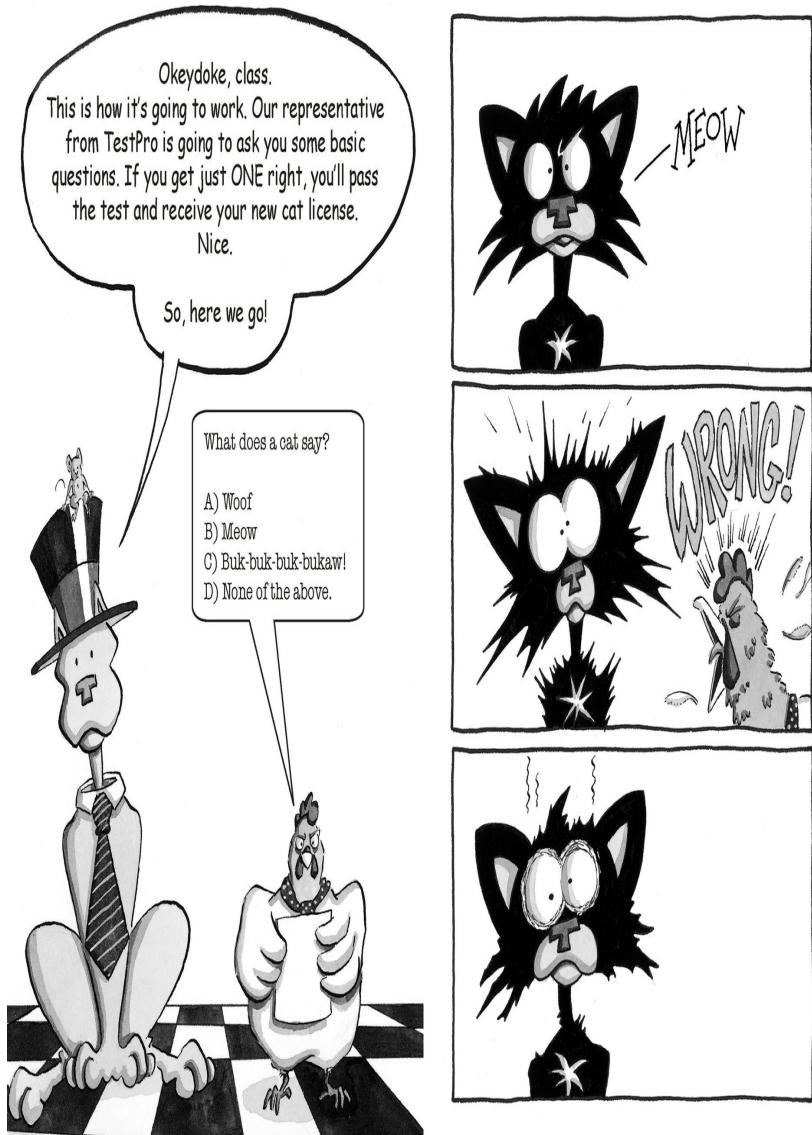
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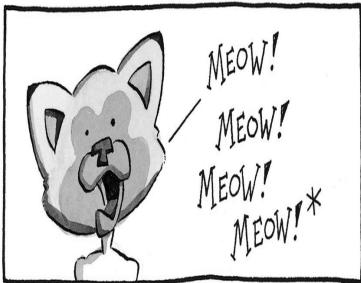
\* I'm a little teapot, short and stout. Here is my handle ...



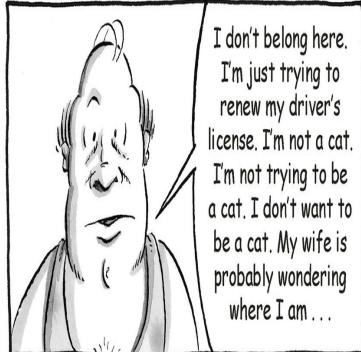




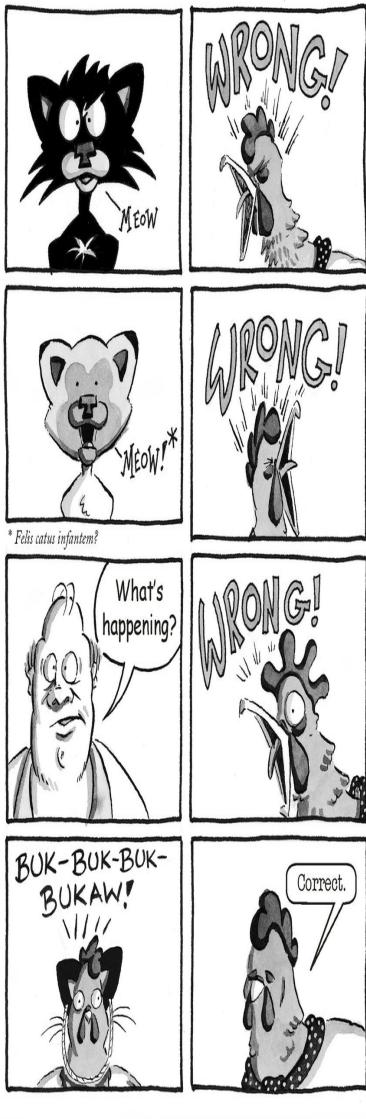


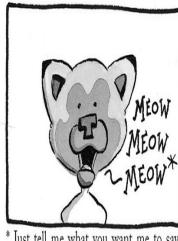
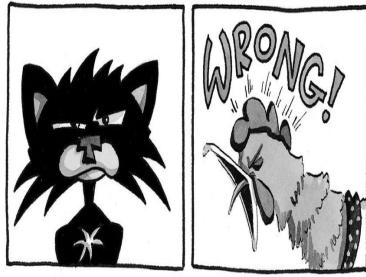


\* Actually, the average cat has around 16 separate vocalizations with which they can communicate. This does not include body language like tail twitching or the roars that large cats commonly use ...







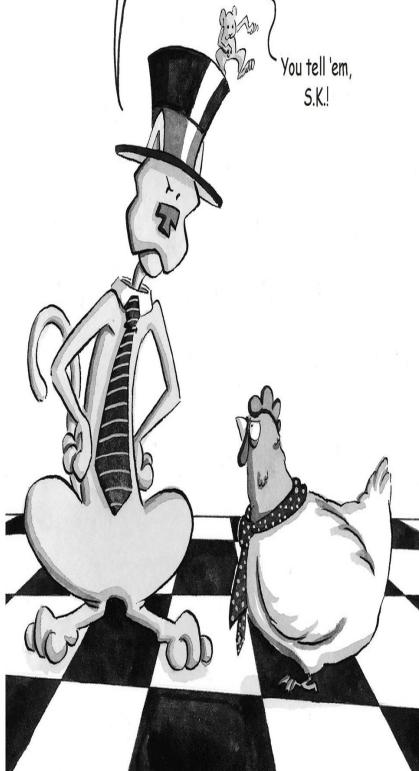


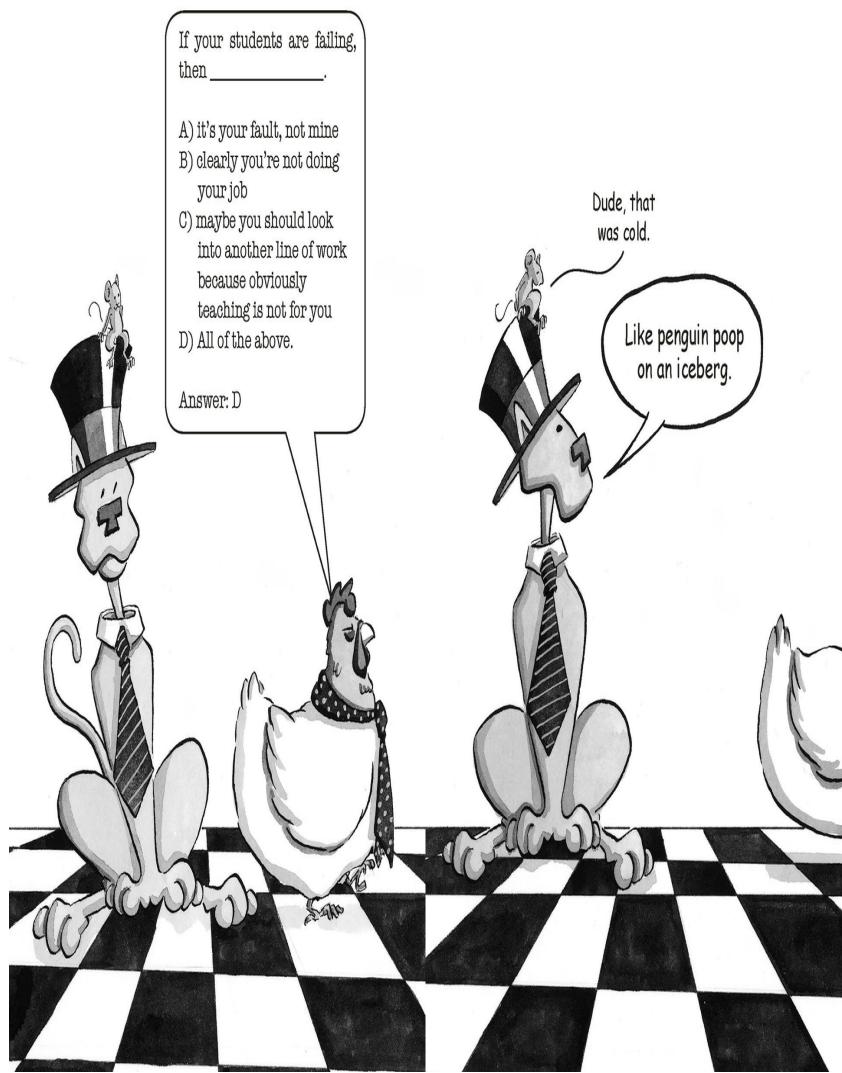
\* Just tell me what you want me to say,  
and I'll say it.



Now hold on a minute! These students all worked very hard today. If you're going to tell them they're wrong when I don't think they are, then you're going to have to give them some sort of an explanation!

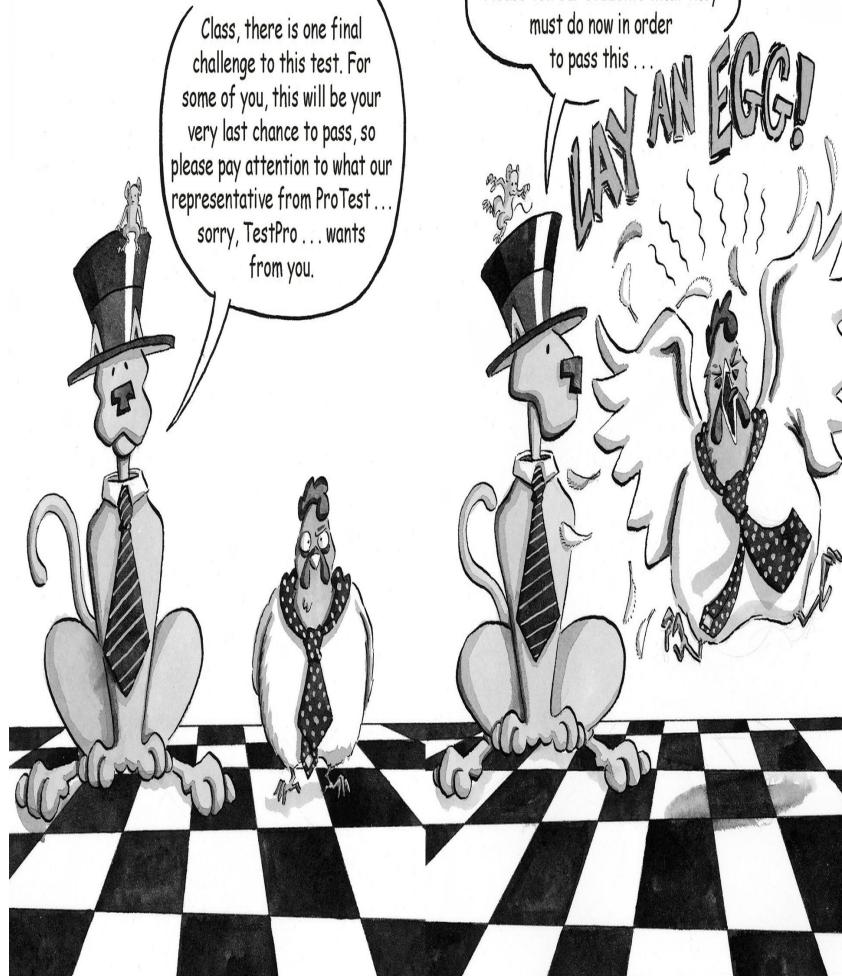
You tell 'em,  
S.K!

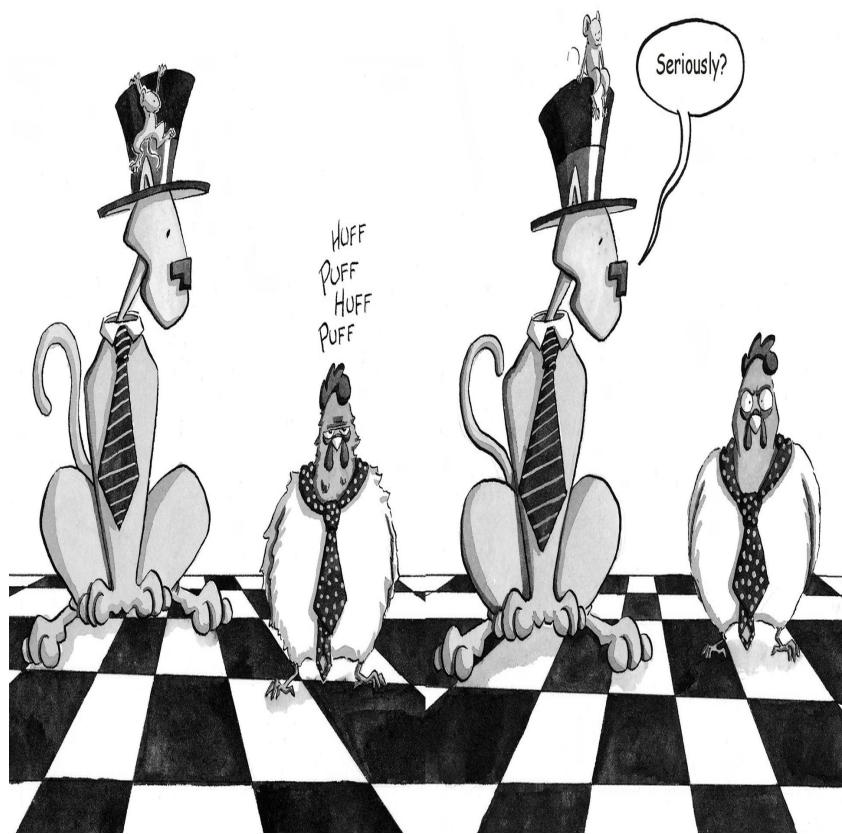


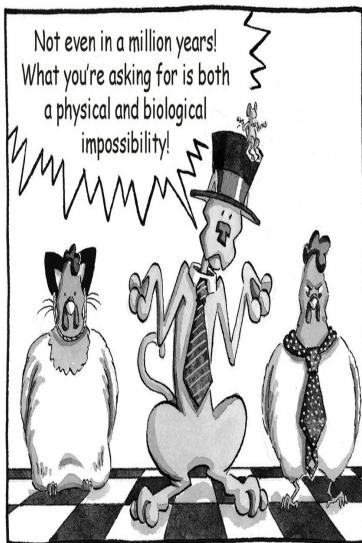


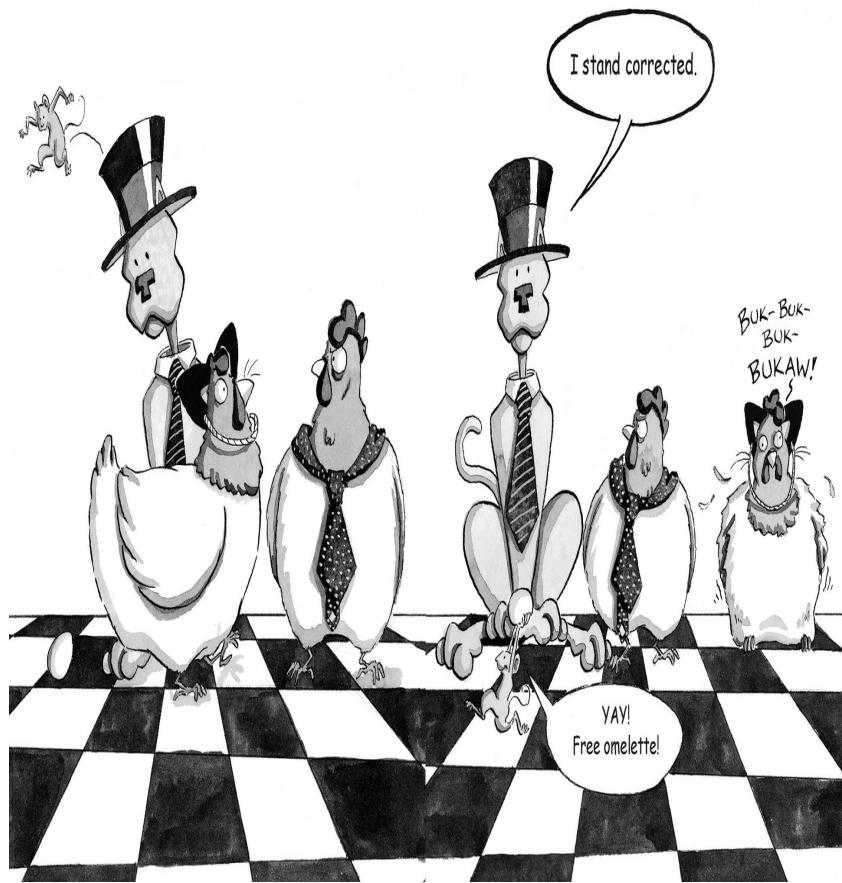
•CHAPTER SIX•

## THE FINAL CHALLENGE









This proves that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) the test is fair
- B) chickens are smarter than cats
- C) this is definitely, DEFINITELY not, not, NOT part of an overall scheme to prove to the world that chickens are smarter than cats and always have been so that chickens will eventually be kept as pets inside nice, warm houses while cats will be served at dinnertime on a bed of rice next to potatoes and green beans
- D) someday chickens will rule the world

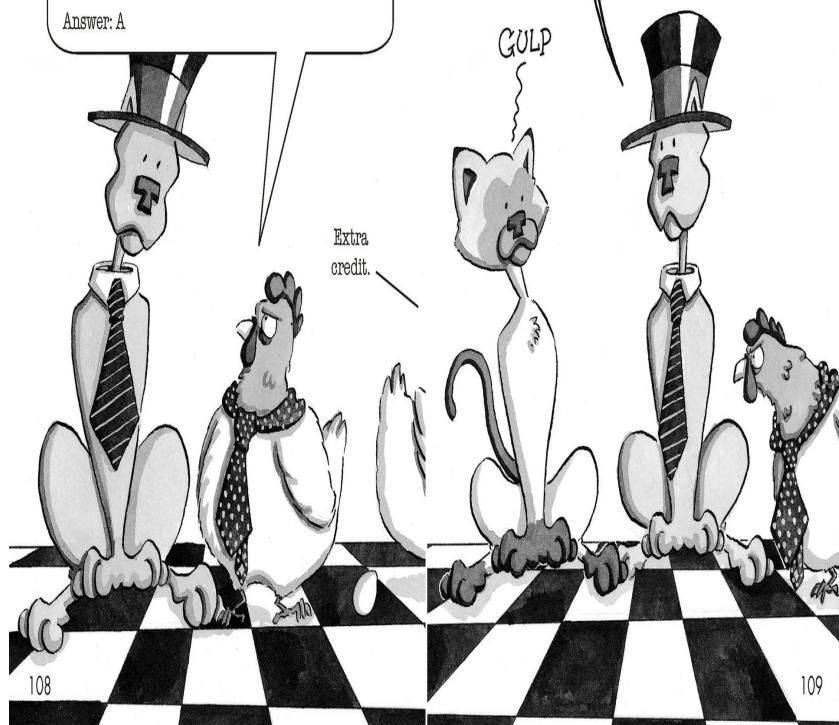
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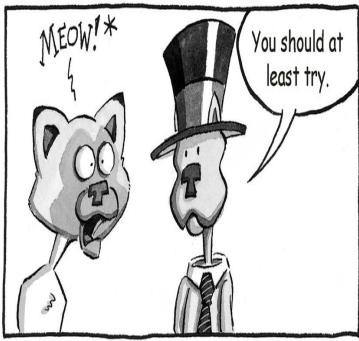
I guess this means  
it's your turn.

Good luck.

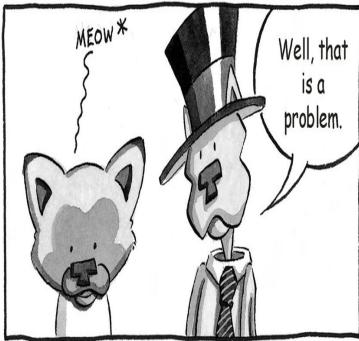
GULP

Extra credit.





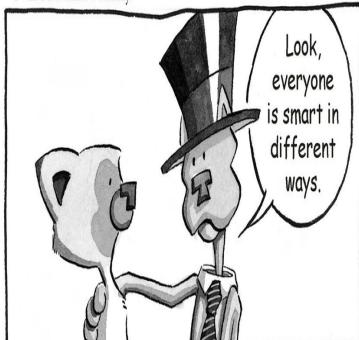
\*I can't do it!



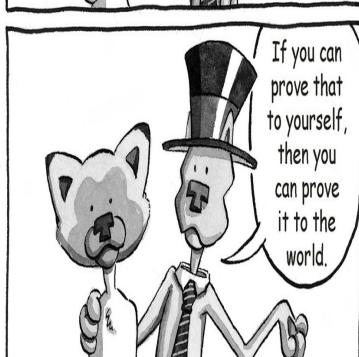
\*I will. I'll feel like a dummy.



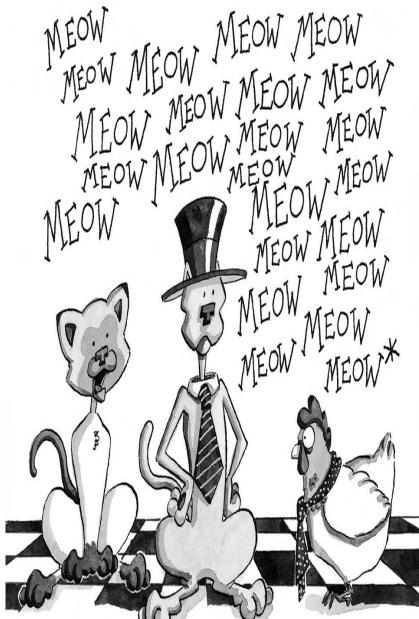
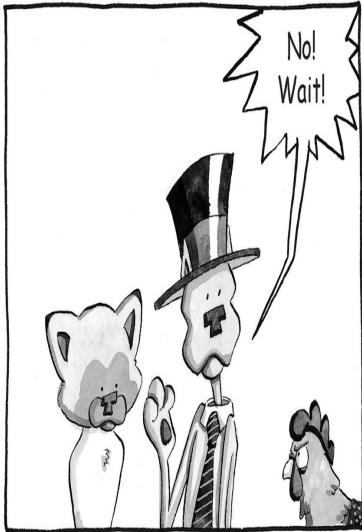
\*What if I fail?



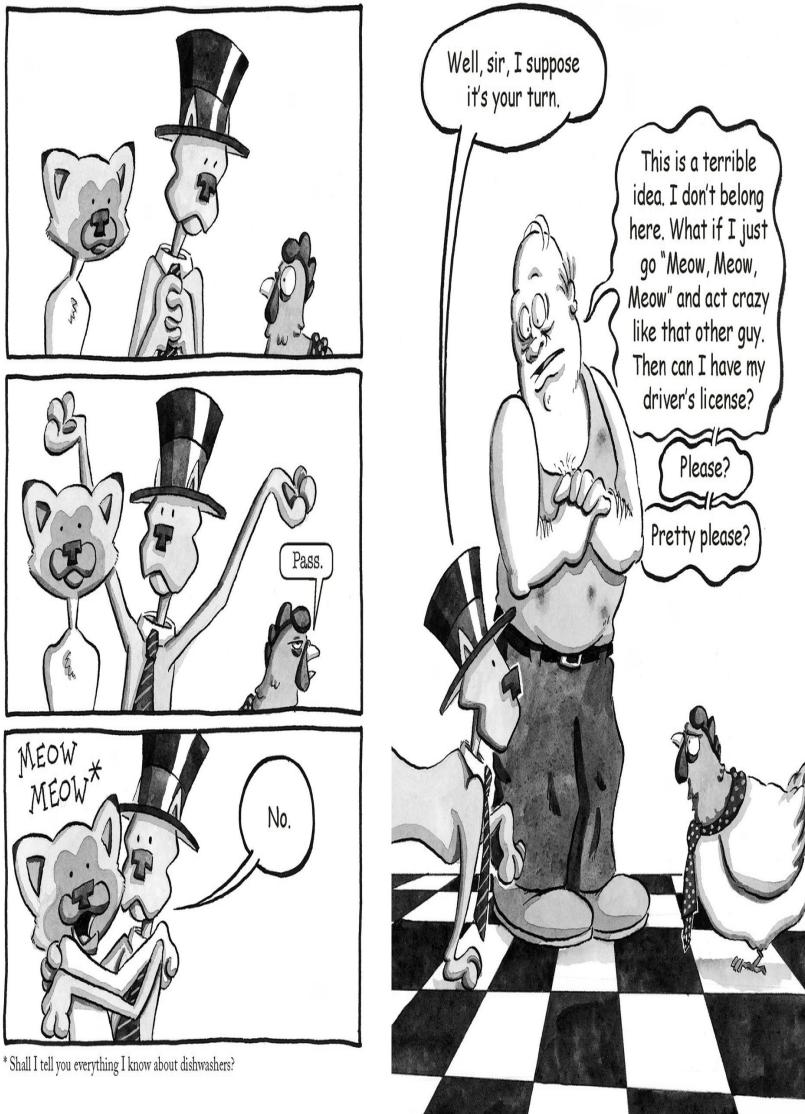
\* But everyone will think I'm a dummy.







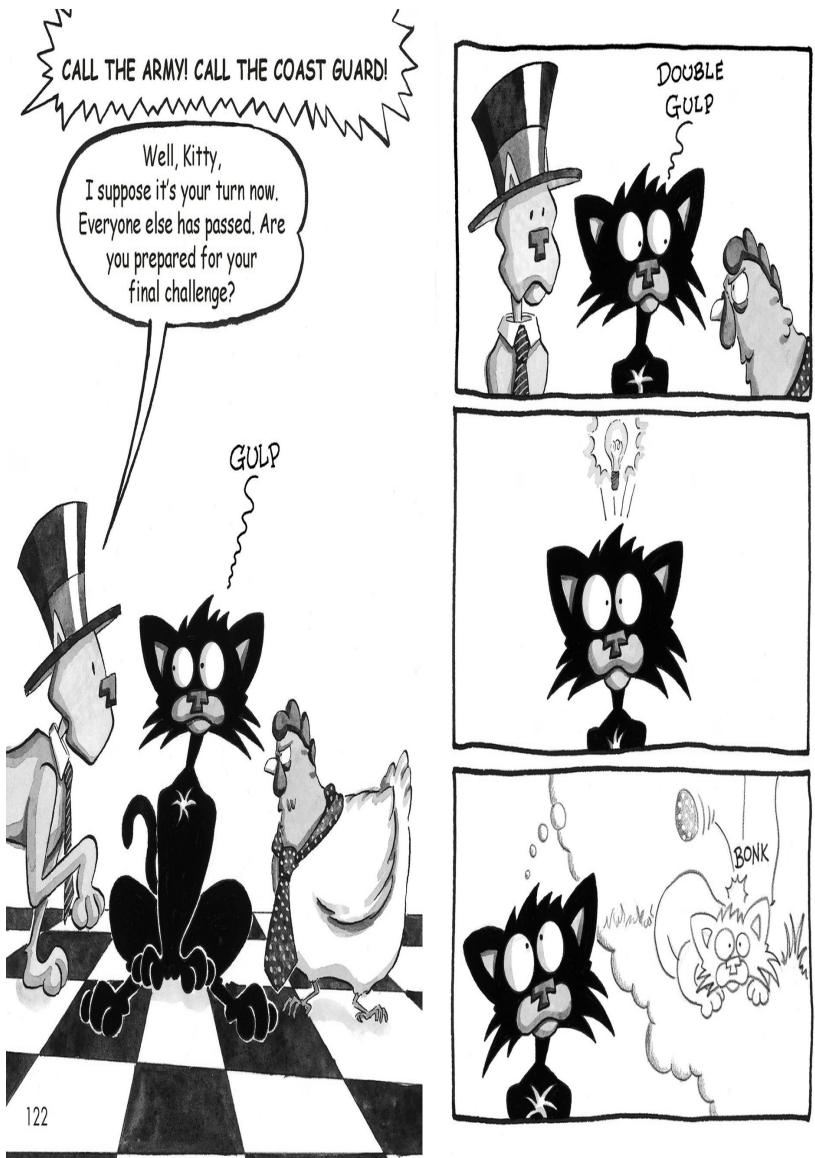
\* Approximately 1.1 trillion eggs are consumed worldwide each year, China being the largest producer. Roughly half of all eggs produced are white, and the other half are brown. The color of the egg depends largely on the color of the earlobe of the chicken that laid it: white earlobe, white egg—red earlobe, brown egg. Egg shells are composed primarily of calcium carbonate, which is also the main ingredient in some antacids, but I don't recommend chewing on egg shells if you have an upset stomach. The membrane inside the shell is semipermeable, meaning that it allows water and oxygen inside the egg while keeping dust and other debris out. The white of an egg is also called the albumin after the primary protein that inhabits it. If an egg white looks cloudy, that actually means that the egg is very fresh. The color of the egg yolk depends greatly on the diet of the chicken that laid it: the more yellow or orange pigments in the food, the more brightly colored the yolk. A monotreme is a mammal that lays an egg, and there are only five known species in the world, the platypus and four species of echidna. The largest eggs come from ostriches, which can weigh as much as 5 pounds, and the smallest eggs come from vernal hummingbirds, which weigh only a fraction of an ounce. And lastly, a person who is considered to be intellectually gifted is often referred to as an egghead. I've been called an egghead. I wasn't insulted.

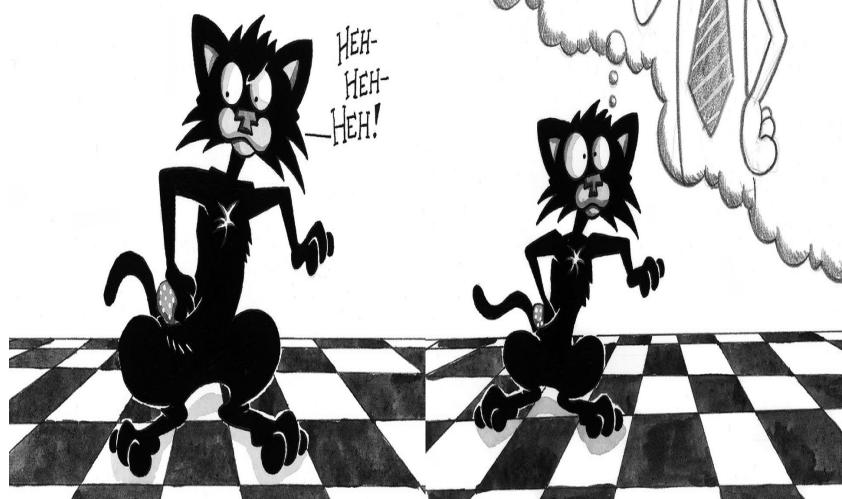


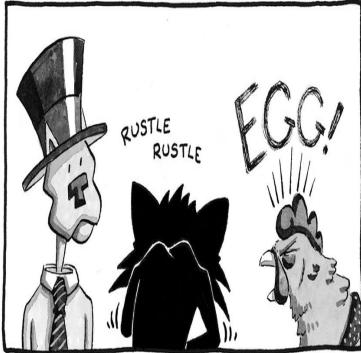
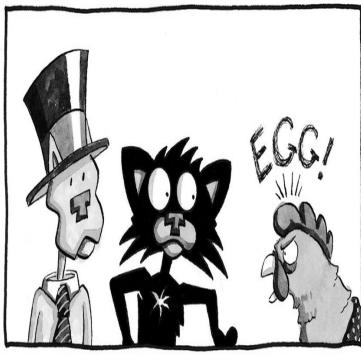
\* Shall I tell you everything I know about dishwashers?

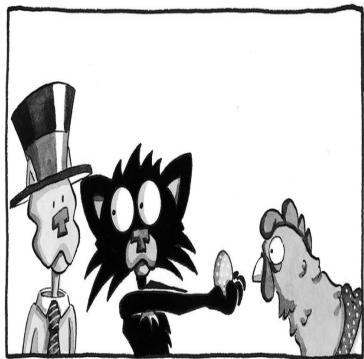




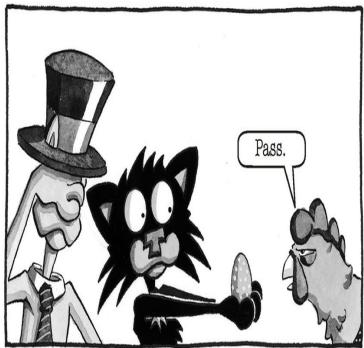


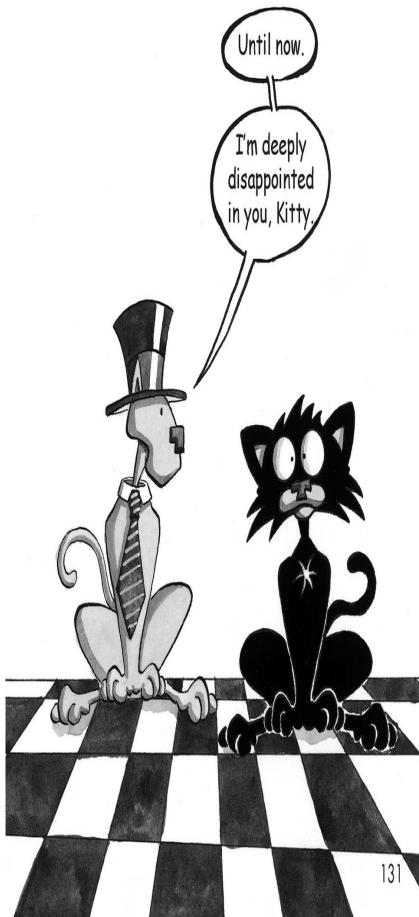
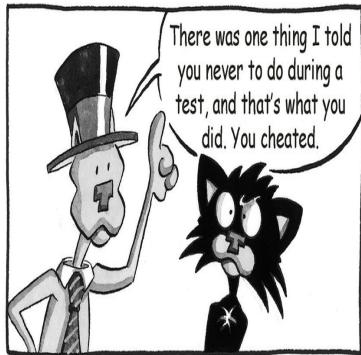






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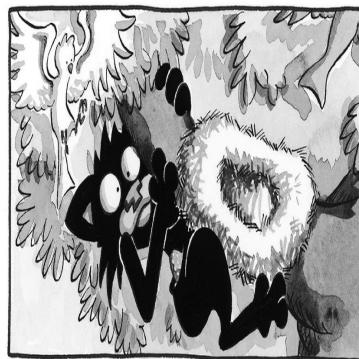


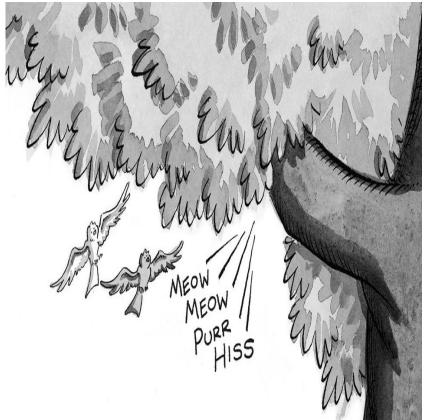


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## THE NEXT, NEXT, NEXT DAY



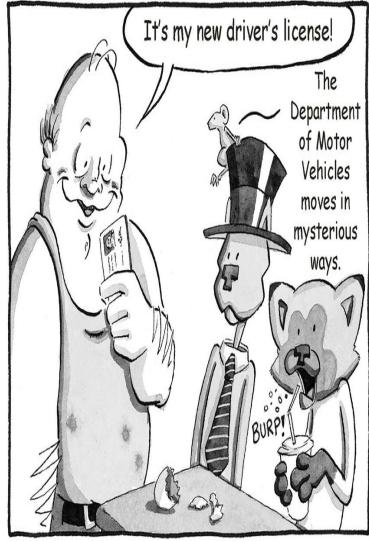
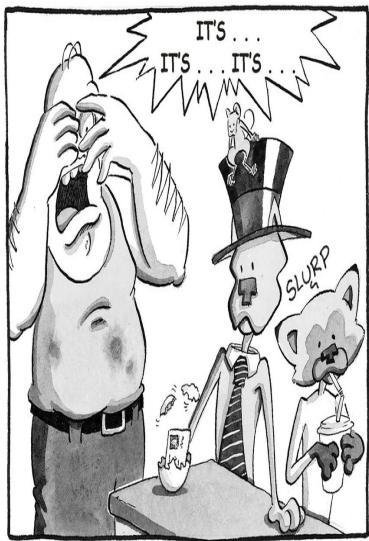




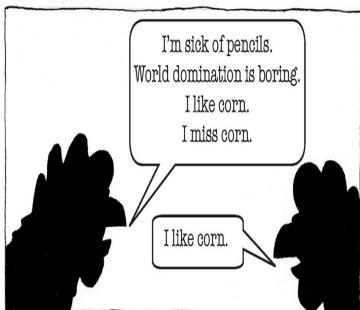
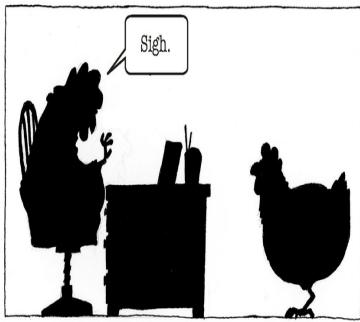
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•EPILOGUE ONE•



•EPILOGUE TWO•



•A FINAL NOTE•



## Kitty is a **BAD** kitty, but is Kitty a **bad** cat?

Based on her previous bad behavior, the **Society of Cat Aptitude** has determined that Kitty is not only a bad kitty, but a bad cat, as well. In order to keep her **feline status**, Kitty must take an aptitude test. If she fails, she will have those privileges revoked and will no longer be able to be a cat. With the help of her instructor, **Chatty Kitty**, and **Uncle Murray** (who is a little confused about where he is and why he's there), Kitty **learns** all about being a cat and a little about herself.

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